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2016 Parties Report of the Parties

In 2012, Canada and the United States significantly revised the GLWQA to strengthen and modernize the Agreement and included a new requirement for a Progress Report of the Parties (Report) to be issued once every three years "to document actions relating to this Agreement". This reporting requirement strengthens the accountability provisions of the Agreement, with the Report to be provided to the public and the International Joint Commission. Consistent with that requirement, the Parties are pleased to release this first Progress Report of the Parties, documenting the actions taken since the 2012 Agreement took effect in February of 2013.

This report outlines the significant progress achieved over the first three years of the implementation of the Agreement's Articles and ten Annexes. The accomplishments demonstrate the Parties efforts to protect this vital treasure and fulfill their promises made under the Agreement.

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